

Government of the District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness

ERSO COMMITTEE

Meeting Details

Date: 8/26/20 **Time:** 1:00p to 2:30p **Location:** webex call

Agenda

Attendees

Jill Carmichael (NCC), Kate Coventry (DCFPI), Reginald Black, Wes Helper (WLCH), Abby Sypek (Everyone Home DC), Jean Badalamenti (DCPL), Kimberly Waller (ICH), Kristy Greenwalt (ICH), Robert Warren, Bill Kuennen (DHS), Michael Ferrell (Coalition for the Homeless), Synina Pugh, Elizabeth Beltran, Kalifia Thomas, Tania Mortensen, Judy Williams, Angel Jenkins, Candyce Coates (TCP), Jesse Rabinowitz (Miriams Kitchen), Jordan Gulley, Lindsay Curtain (ICH), Theresa Silla (ICH), Maddie Solan, Wes Hepler (WLCH), Alicia Horton (Thrive), Nechama Masliansky (SOME), Melvyn Smithm (DHS)

I. Welcome

II. Discussion- See Slides

- LBS Quiet Hours- Maddie Solan presented concerns around consumers leaving LBS shelters in the middle of the night. Proposal for from 12am to 6am if a consumer leaves they would be checking out and not allowed back in. Discussion on reasons to leave briefly such as cigarette break. Additional feedback will be sought at Consumer Engagement Workgroup. Idea is not to take away rights but also to address safety concerns. Discussions have taken place with shelter consumers. Proposal to change name from quiet hours since the policy change is about leaving shelters not being quiet. If you have additional feedback please send to Maddie at madeleine.solan@dc.gov
- Winter Plan- draft of plan was presented for discussion. If you have feedback please send to Kristy. Timeline for approval has been pushed back. In September ERSO will be asked to approve Winter Plan and in October the Executive Committee will vote on the Winter Plan. Major areas of discussion are capacity and the need for facilities and planning with COVID. Transportation changes to reflect current transportation plan which is no scheduled but on demand transportation. The funding of PEP-V sites, which is currently federally funded, and we don't know how long that will last, briefly discussed idea of double occupancy. Additional hotels for families are in the process of being obtained if needed.
- Prevention- discussed research ideas to assess who is most at risk of experiencing homelessness. In general about 10% of people evicted experience homelessness, this was pre covid. Discussion on barriers to getting information out of assistance programs. Updates to prevention planning and research will continued to be brought to ERSO.

IV. Updates, Announcements and Reminders

- Stimulus Check Assistance- additional handout
- Next Meeting September 23rd

V. Summary and Adjournment

Decisions & Action Items

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Next Meeting **Date:** 9/23/2020 **Time:** 1:00p to 2:30p **Location:** TBD